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REGIONAL INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 9, 2005

11:30 – 1:00 at SEHSC, Traill Room

Present:

Missy Brademeyer	"Cades World" Non Profit Autism Awareness
Sherry Jensen	Community Resource Coordinator
Kim Hemberger	ND PASS Parents as Teachers
Harriet Mohrbacher	Birthright of F-M
Wanda Carlson	DDCM/PA
Terese Schaefer	West Fargo Public Schools
Holly Nett	Child Care Resource & Referral
John Yates	Fargo Schools
Deb Pullen	Infant Development Program
Sue Anderson	Fargo Cass Public Health
Linda Bishop	Innovis
Michelle Enockson	Innovis
Denise Stromme	DDCM
Pennie Hatlestad	SENDCAA HS/EHS
Carol Sather	Parent with 2 children with disabilities
Nancy Lambrecht	DDCM
Mary Schultz	Parent with 2 children with disabilities
Pam Gallagher	MeritCare
Deb Schue	MeritCare
Julie Thorstad	MeritCare
Jane Nelson	Experience Parent Project Coordinator

- Introductions
- Discussion about upcoming agency events or trainings
 - Parent Leadership Training in January 20-22, 2006
 - Girl Scout activity Day for kids with special needs at Nativity – Dec. 3
 - Epilepsy Presentation, Nov. 21
 - First Link directory is available for \$35 – includes information on all services and programs in the area
- Additions to Early Intervention Training Kit/Information Kit
 - Members are encouraged to check out the kits
 - Reviewed pamphlets and literature in the Kit
 - Baby Steps program name is changed to Nurse Family Partnership
- Denise Stromme discussed eligibility requirements of the Early Intervention Program at SEHSC. She gave a handout with high-risk conditions that qualify children for services

immediately. Discussed eligibility for Medical Assistance and problems that have been encountered. Group agreed that referring to DDCM at birth is necessary so families can access Medical Assistance right away.

- Parent members discussed their concerns about families not knowing about early intervention services – roadblocks include physicians who say, “wait” and don’t make referrals. Parents often find out through other parents. Group agreed that Drs. Need to be educated about early intervention programs. Possible solutions include: contacting pediatric nursing supervisors, presenting at a Grand Rounds, website, and marketing.
- Group also discussed need for more support for children with autism and their families. Possible solution would be to get funding to hire university students who have been trained to tutor children, especially in rural areas. Children with autism and their families need more than what early intervention and ECSE are providing in this state. Also discussed need for paraprofessionals to have more training to work with children with autism. Rural universities (VCSU, MSU, Ellendale, etc.) could be involved to help rural areas.
- Other agencies may also want to remind us about their eligibility requirements

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